

Executive Order 2007-05
Promoting Smarter Growth

WHEREAS, Arizona is now the fastest growing state in the nation, adding new residents at the rate of 3.6 percent annually; and

WHEREAS, complex growth issues, including those related to housing, transportation, water, public lands, air quality, schools and job centers, are emerging throughout every community in this state, and these issues require a comprehensive and coordinated approach across state, local, county and Tribal jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, in order to create and maintain the quality of life that Arizona citizens demand, we must integrate land use planning and development with vital infrastructure planning and development; and

WHEREAS, critical infrastructure must be built in a manner that contemplates the effects of development on our water quality, air quality and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, in February 2006, I directed my cabinet agencies whose missions involve growth and infrastructure planning and development to form an informal "Growth Cabinet" to coordinate agency activities and better and more efficiently serve the public; and

WHEREAS, in light of the State's growth, it is appropriate and desirable to formalize and provide more specific direction to the Growth Cabinet;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Governor's Growth Cabinet is formally created, consisting of the directors or their designees of the following state agencies, together with such other members as the Governor may hereafter appoint:

Arizona Department of Transportation
Game and Fish Department
Department of Housing
Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Economic Security
Department of Health Services
Department of Water Resources
Department of Commerce
Department of Real Estate
State Land Department
State Parks Department
School Facilities Board
Office of Tourism

Department of Agriculture

2. The Growth Cabinet shall collaborate with cities, towns and Tribal communities to develop and implement a smart growth and development process that integrates land and water use planning and development with the planning and development of existing and future state infrastructure.
3. Agencies within the Growth Cabinet shall, to the extent permitted by law, direct future discretionary funding to applicant communities that agree to participate in and abide by this smart growth and development process.
4. The Growth Cabinet shall present to my office within 120 days an implementation plan that meets these objectives.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Jan Negolitaro
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8th day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-First.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE